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One J M hath written a book called *A health to the gentle-manly profession of servingmen or the Servtngmarfs comfort,* wherein is set out the decay of good housekeeping from former days when the younger sons of gentlemen would be honest serving men , and the abuse of these times when to escape the service of the wars yeomen will send their sons to be gentlemen's servants, and maintain them at their own charges Then must the country courtier be attired in the latest fashion with his Venetians of tie largest size (that will hold a bushel a breech at least), and his gait and gesture no longer of tie plough but direct and upright, treading in time as though he would tell what paces are in a furlong No longer can be seea the great chines of stalled beef, the great black-jack of noble beer, the long hall tables fully furnished with good victuals , these now be all changed into cates of less cost though dishes of rarer device, such as goose giblets, pigs[3] pettitoes, and other made dishes Lamenteth how many misfortunes come by the decay of liberality, for when servingmen are turned away by their masters, then by necessity they be forced to rob passengers at Gadshill, Shootershill, Salisbury Plain or Newmarket Heath

*2oth May* THE MONOPOLY IN STARCH

The monopoly for importing starch that was formerly granted to Mr Richard Young is now assigned to Sir John PaKngton for eight years,

RUMOURS.

The talk in the City is now of Barnevelt, the agent and advocate of the States who is here and hath had audience these two days together, but no music will please us unless it be to the

tune of peace One of the chiefest reasons for it is a land of disdain and envy at our neighbours* well doing, in that we, for their sake and defence entering into the war, and being barred from all commerce and intercourse of merchandise, they in the meantime thrust us out of all traffic to our utter undoing and their own advancement. Another motive to the peace is the troubles in Ireland which are like to put the Queen to exceeding charge, and withal there appears a black cloud in Scotland that threatens a storm.